Wisconsin Midwifery Workforce, 2023

**Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023**

- Midwives Certified by AMCB: 273
- Births in 2022: 60,049
- Midwives per 1,000 Births: 4.5
- Midwife-attended births 2022: 7,943
- Midwife-attended births per midwife: 29.3
- % Births Midwife-attended: 13%
- % Vaginal births midwife-attended: 18%
- Midwifery education programs: 1

Wisconsin has not achieved the 6 midwives per 1,000 births recommended by the WHO.

Board-certified midwives include certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives, who are certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board. Board-certified midwives' professional association is the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Board-certified midwives’ practice authority is Wis. Stat. Ann. §441.15(1)(b), which was most recently revised in 2018. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Wisconsin has one midwifery education program located at Marquette University.
Wisconsin's maternity care workforce density is like the United States as a whole.

Wisconsin’s midwifery workforce density does not meet the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Wisconsin

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Wisconsin
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Wisconsin 2022

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
Births by Race or Ethnic Category, 2022

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

- USA
- Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Midwives

Midwife-Attended Births by Race / Ethnicity

- More than One
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Wisconsin
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Wisconsin:

- Increase breastfeeding initiation
Opportunity: Midwives must have a written practice agreement to practice (Wis. Stat. Ann. §441.15(1)(b))

Asset: Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)

Opportunity: Midwives' prescriptive authority is subject to the written practice agreement (Wis. Stat. Ann. §441.15(1)(b))

Asset: Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff (DHS 124:02)

Opportunity: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure